

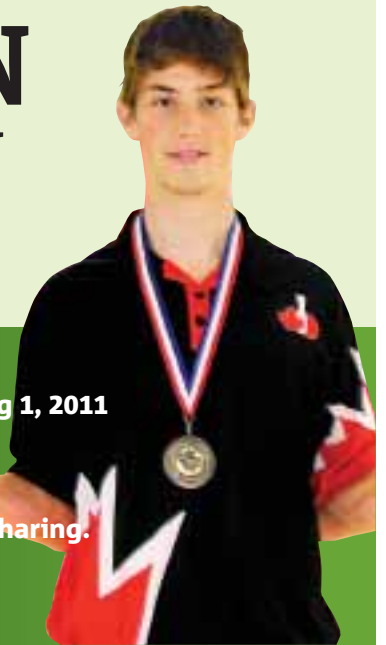


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KING PIN LONDON TEEN WINS BRONZE

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News worth sharing.

Chalk it up to hard work

► The sixth Expressions in Chalk festival runs from Saturday to Monday ► Organizer commends artists for 'gruelling' commitment ► Takes place in St. James Westminster Anglican Church parking lot at 120 Bruce St. in Wortley Village

A local festival is once again trying to bring the intricate detail of the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel to the ground here in London.

The Expressions in Chalk 2011 street-painting festival will be held this weekend in Wortley Village.

The artwork is to be started on Saturday and completed by Sunday night.

"Street painting is a rather old art form; it dates back to the 1600s in Italy," said Jan Smelser, chair of Expressions in Chalk.

"It's unique because it's temporary. That's what draws everyone to it because you have to be there when it's happening."

Festival organizers also want to create a link between the city's artists and the public, while promoting London's creative arts.

"We're trying to bring the local artists out so the public can meet with them and discuss the creative process," Smelser said. "And also for the public and the artists (to) experience street painting."

"This is incredible what they go through. It's almost like an endurance (event)."

JAN SMELSER, CHAIR OF EXPRESSIONS
IN CHALK

rience street painting."

More than 30 artists are scheduled to compete, but some previous mainstays are not able to attend this year due to attrition.

"We have lost a few artists (this year)," Smelser said. "It's grueling. People don't realize how hard it is on (their bodies). The artists sit there for the whole day, two days in a row in the hot sun."

"You're kneeling on the asphalt, bent over, in kind of an awkward position to draw on the ground like that."

Those artists who are able to persevere will have their work judged by a panel of three.

Cash awards will be pre-



sented at 1 p.m. on Monday. Visit imadon.org for a list of categories.

● MIKE ARSENAULT



Brawn. Battle

► In this publicity image released by Old Spice, Italian model Fabio, right, poses with former American football player Isiah Mustafa on Thursday during a press event for Old Spice in Los Angeles.

SUSAN GOLDMAN PHOTOGRAPHY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Who is the spiciest one of all?

Isiah Mustafa has been lead spokesman for Old Spice for nearly two years, starring in a popular series of marketing campaigns. Now, he has held off a playful effort by Italian model Fabio to become "the new Old Spice Guy." In a series of videos culminating Thursday, the muscular pitchmen dueled in tongue-in-cheek challenges from one another, and viewers.

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Easy. Does it



► Jo-Ann McLinchey, left, and her daughter, Katie Wright, enjoy a quick alfresco lunch at the Covent Garden Market on Thursday. Wright, who works at CIBC Wood Gundy, and McLinchey, who works at the Victorian Order of Nurses, meet regularly for lunch during the work week. They commute downtown from Ailsa Craig.

MIKE ARSENAULT/FOR METRO

Smiles of a summer afternoon

Where there's pond life, there's hope

► Friends of the Coves Subwatershed and 19 other finalists get at least \$2,500 ► Highest vote total receives \$25,000 ► Go to shareyourcare.ca



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A local environmental non-profit group is hoping the power of social media will propel them to victory in the Fido Share Your Care contest, with \$100,000 earmarked for a litany of green causes.

"(The contest) asked for submissions from all across (Canada) for people to submit environmental or community projects that they would like to do,"



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Hidden coves

► The most visible part of the coves is near the intersection of Springbank and Horton, just south of Springbank.

said Mia King, program manager of the Friends of the Coves Subwatershed.

You can vote for your favourite project at Fido Share Your Care on Facebook once a day until the contest ends. Click on "go

to app" to find the voting page.

King believes the coves are a worthy cause.

"The coves is a series of three ponds that used to be connected to the Thames River," she said. "There's a high biodiversity in the area. We do tree planting with kids. We planted a butterfly garden in Greenway Park. We deliver programs (where) people can learn how to be more environmentally friendly."

Earth has asteroid companion

UWO astronomer Paul Wiegert is part of the team that has detected the presence of the first Trojan asteroid in Earth's orbit. A Trojan is an asteroid that shares an orbit with a large moon or planet but does not collide

with it because they are too far away from each other. The as-yet-unnamed asteroid was discovered by the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope in Hawaii.

The implications of the discovery are that astronomers can study

how Earth and asteroids interact gravitationally. It also allows researchers to examine near-Earth asteroids. The study was published Wednesday as the cover story of the journal Nature.

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► Paul Wiegert

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Vote for the nation's best ballpark

Beginning Monday, you can vote for Labatt Park in Canada's favourite ballpark contest on Baseball Canada's website.

Voting runs through Aug. 8. Labatt Park is pitted against entries from British Columbia, Quebec and Newfoundland in the third of four quarterfinals.

Baseball Canada launched the contest in early July with 40 submissions. There were 16 parks chosen, representing every province, and they were divided into groups of four.

To vote, go to baseball.ca and click on Canada's favourite ballpark contest. Each computer can make only one vote. ● METRO

Police bust grow-op

Two Londoners were arrested after a search warrant executed for firearms on Wednesday revealed a marijuana grow-op.

Police seized eight marijuana plants worth \$8,000, 421 grams of psilocybin worth \$4,210 and 151 grams of marijuana bud worth \$1,151 at 1528 Highbury Ave. N.

Alissa Williams, 26, and Cory Williams, 28, face numerous drug charges.

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New leaders for Tourism London

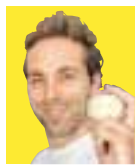
Brad Rice has been named president of Tourism London for 2011-2012. Rice, division manager with Voyageur Transportation and Checker Limousine, was endorsed at the recent Tourism London annual general meeting.

The board also endorsed Hugh Mitchell (president-elect), Glenn Wickert (vice-president) and Randy Pringle (treasurer). Joe Drummond is the past president. Tourism London has a membership of more than 250 hospitality businesses. ● METRO

TRYING TO STARVE THE FAT CATS

LIFE WITH THE MAJORS

MIKE ARSENAULT
MAJORS PITCHER AND IBL INSIDER



I shouldn't even have to flex my creative muscle and come up with a clever title for the Majors first-round playoff series against Ottawa. Why?

Because we were masters of our own fate — not to be confused with He-Man and the Masters of the Universe — and could have avoided playing the Fat Cats if we won the final game of the regular season.

Unfortunately, we lost and finished with an identical record to Toronto's, but finished one spot lower in the standings because the Leafs had a winning record against us.

(That might be the only time in sports where "Leafs" and "winning record" are in the same sentence.)

Thus, our first-round opponents are the Ottawa Fat Cats. It sounds like I'm saying we're reticent to face Ottawa — that's not the case. I believe the Majors can win this series.

However, I am reticent to embark on a wearying, soul-sucking bus trip from London to our nation's capital this weekend. There's nothing enjoyable about it — especially since we will be heading east with seemingly the rest of the population of Ontario as people race for a weekend of rest and relaxation in cottage country.

We leave early Saturday morning, drive all day, check into our hotel, and then square off against the Fat Cats in Game 3 at 7:05 p.m. It's tough to sleep on the bus without contorting your body into a pretzel, so we'll undoubtedly be bleary-eyed by the time we reach our destination.

There's more: Let's just say that 25 men crammed into tight quarters with little ventilation produces smells that are not of this Earth.

That being said, this is not the time to make excuses. Bus trip or not, we need to win games at Ottawa Stadium to take this series.

Mike Arsenault is a pitcher for the London Majors and a freelance reporter for Metro London.

Graves of fugitive slaves await survey

The mapping of unmarked graves at the Uncle Tom's Cabin historic site in southwestern Ontario has been delayed by the weather.

A search using ground-penetrating radar was set for today in Dresden, Ont., at the request of the Ontario Heritage Trust, but it has been postponed because of rain.

Edward Eastaugh, arche-

ology supervisor at the University of Western Ontario in London, says ground conditions play a major factor in using the technology.

The work is now set for Tuesday and Wednesday.

The site in Dresden is home to two historic cemeteries belonging to the British American Institute and the Henson family.

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► **Marcus Dottermann won a bronze medal at an international 10-pin bowling competition**

► **14 countries from North, South and Central America plus teams from the Caribbean competed**



► Marcus Dottermann unleashes a shot at the Bowlerama Royale on Dundas Street on Thursday afternoon. Dottermann is fresh off a bronze medal finish at the Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships in the Dominican Republic.

LONDONER BOWLS OVER COMPETITION



Lots of teens go to the Dominican Republic for a week of all-inclusive fun and relaxation. London's Marcus Dottermann ventured to the Caribbean island to pit his talents against some of the top bowling talent in the Western hemisphere.

The 18-year-old won a bronze medal in the boys' trio event at the Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Champi-

onships in Santiago de Los Caballeros last week. For Dottermann, it was his first taste of international competition.

"(At first) I was really nervous," Dottermann said. "The first couple shots were really shaky."

Once the initial apprehension waned, the John Paul II Catholic High School student shut his mind off from the distractions around him — the crowd, the atmosphere, other bowlers — and called on the talent that qualified him for the

Team effort

► The boys' trio competition consisted of every bowler on each team bowling six games. The team with the highest cumulative score would be declared the winner. Canada (3,647) finished third behind the United States (3,862) and Puerto Rico (3,777).

championships in the first place.

"I just focused on what I needed to do," Dotter-

mann said. "I knew what I needed to shoot and (just) tried to make it happen."

Though each player's scores were calculated independently and then added to a team total, Dottermann says the camaraderie and support among his teammates was evident.

"We (kept) each other up if someone threw a bad shot," he said. "(We'd tell) him, 'Keep (your head) up, don't worry about it, shake it off, think about the next shot.'"

Police speak out over 'sleepy officer' video

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► Chief Brad Duncan

London's police chief says an internal investigation, launched after one of his officers was seemingly caught sleeping on the job, could take weeks to complete.

Chief Brad Duncan says possible disciplinary actions could range from mandatory counselling to reduced hours.

The unidentified officer was guarding the scene of a suspicious house fire on Boule Street on Tuesday when she was caught on video by an A News cameraperson, apparently sleeping

in her cruiser for several minutes.

It was the lead story on the 6 p.m. news Tuesday and has generated plenty of reaction on talk shows, blogs and Twitter.

The union representing London police officers is also speaking out.

"I'm a little disappointed in the ... interviewing mem-

bers of the neighbourhood as well as tying it to recent media reports of ongoing (contract) negotiations — I didn't see how they were related at all," said Rick Robson, president of the London Police Association.

A News has also received some negative backlash from the public since airing the story. AM980/AM980.CA

Army: Soldier had guns, bomb

► It's alleged he planned attack on base where 13 died

An absentee Muslim soldier who had weapons stashed in a motel room near Fort Hood has admitted planning an attack on the iconic Texas post, authorities say.

Thirteen people died at Fort Hood in 2009 in the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military installation.

Pfc. Naser Abdo, 21, was arrested Wednesday and agents found firearms and "items that could be identified as bomb-making components, including gunpowder," in his motel room, said FBI spokesperson Erik Vasys.

The army said the man arrested by Killeen police



► Pfc. Naser Abdo

"was in possession of a large quantity of ammunition, weapons and a bomb inside a backpack."

Upon questioning, the army said, he admitted to planning an attack on Fort Hood.

Officials have not offered details about Abdo's

possible intentions.

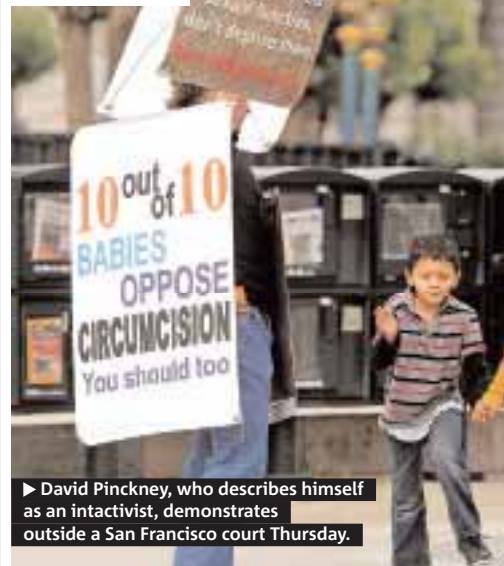
The infantry soldier had applied for conscientious-objector status last year, saying his religious beliefs should prohibit his service in any war.

A military review board recommended this spring that he be separated from the army.

But the discharge was delayed after he was charged with possessing child pornography and an Article 32 military hearing last month recommended he be court-martialled. He has been absent without leave from Fort Campbell, Kentucky since the July 4 weekend.

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U.S. Judgment



► David Pinckney, who describes himself as an intactivist, demonstrates outside a San Francisco court Thursday.

NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Circumcision move cut

A judge has struck down a proposed San Francisco ballot measure banning circumcision, saying it would violate a law that makes regulating medical procedures a function of the state, not cities.

Pair kicked off plane attack pilot

A man punched an American Airlines pilot who kicked him off a flight leaving Miami.

Then the man and his brother attacked the pilot again before bystanders tackled the brothers in the terminal, officials said.

Jonathan and Luis Baez, both of Puerto Rico, were arrested at Miami International Airport.

They had been aboard Flight 1755 bound for San Francisco.

As the plane taxied away from the gate, a flight attendant noticed Jonathan Baez, 27, was sleeping and had not buckled his seat belt. She tried to wake him, but she told police Baez appeared to be intoxicated or on drugs.

The pilot turned the plane around.

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Just like the movies: Riot rocks Hollywood

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► Noel Buller, 21, from Los Angeles, stands in the middle of Hollywood Boulevard and makes a peace sign while confronting a line of Los Angeles police.

Police in riot gear clashed with a crowd that became unruly outside a Hollywood film premiere.

The crowd threw bottles, vandalized cars and refused orders to disperse after people were forced to leave an overcrowded theatre, authorities said.

"There were people trampling all over the po-

lice cars, smashing the windows," said Greg Magda, who works at a coffee shop on Hollywood Boulevard.

Chaos erupted Wednesday evening after a Los Angeles Fire Department inspector determined Grauman's Chinese Theatre, where the film was screening, was overcrowded, a spokesperson said.

Police estimated about

2,000 people were inside the theatre to catch the premiere of a documentary about the Electric Daisy Carnival rave.

People were pushed out into the streets, joining a growing crowd that may have been drawn to the event from a Twitter message by a popular DJ known as Kaskade.

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Bitter battle to help the hungry

► Troops fight militants blocking vital food supplies

Helping the starving turned lethal in Somalia's capital Thursday.

African Union troops fought house-to-house battles with militants in Mogadishu to clear space for aid groups bringing in food supplies.

Meanwhile, intelligence reports showed insurgents reinforcing for a possible attack on squalid camps of famine refugees.

Heavy fighting erupted on the line of control between the government side and territory held by al-Shabab, Somalia's dominant militant group.

At least six people were killed.

Somalia's famine is unfolding in the middle of a war zone, greatly compli-

Somalia's reality

► Al-Shabab militants already have killed men who tried to escape the famine with their families, saying it is better to starve than accept help from the West.

► The World Food Program says it cannot reach 2.2 million people in need of aid in the militant-controlled areas in southern Somalia because of insecurity.

cating international efforts to prevent a wave of death.

The al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab has sent 300 reinforcement fighters to Mogadishu in recent days, said Lt.-Col. Paddy Ankun-

da, spokesperson for the African Union peacekeeping force.

Ankunda said the AU force believes al-Shabab is trying to prevent aid from reaching the tens of thousands of famine refugees who have arrived in Mogadishu this month.

The devastating famine in the Horn of Africa threatens al-Shabab's hold on areas it controls.

The militants fear the disaster will drive away the people they tax and conscript into military service.

The World Food Program estimates more than 11.3 million people need aid across drought-hit regions in East Africa.

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► Somali women carry their malnourished children in a Mogadishu refugee camp on Thursday.

20 Ali Muse, head of Mogadishu's ambulance service, said his workers have collected six bodies and 20 wounded people.

60 The African Union says the government now controls 60 per cent of Mogadishu, up from 40 per cent at the beginning of the year.

10 A World Food Program plane loaded with 10 tons of peanut butter paste landed in Mogadishu, the first of several planned airlifts.

Norway killer 'total evil,' says police chief

The man who admits the Norway massacre is "total evil," the country's top police official said Thursday.

Anders Behring Breivik is a sociopath who acted without accomplices, said Janne Kristiansen, director of the Norwegian Police Security Service.

"It's a unique case. It's a unique person," she said.

"On the information we have so far, and I emphasize so far, we have no indication he was part of a

network or had any accomplices, or that there are other cells."

Breivik kept his plans to himself for more than a decade, she added.

Meanwhile, police were on high alert across Europe.

Security officials expressed concern that Breivik could inspire imitators among Europe's extremist, anti-immigrant fringe. Particularly worrying are similar loners who



► People walk in a lake near the Norway massacre scene to lay flowers of remembrance on Thursday.

give no clues of their intentions, the officials said.

European anti-terrorism officials held a special meeting with Norwegian representatives Thursday dedicated to preventing future extreme-right attacks.

Breivik admits he set off a car bomb in Oslo, killing at least eight people. He then launched a shooting spree at a youth camp. Sixty-eight people died, many of them teenagers.

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Grieving mom

► A Romanian woman whose daughter was at the Norway youth camp says she has called and texted her "hundreds of times" but believes she is dead.

► Anca Holst said the teen called her Friday saying a man was "shooting everyone." Holst told her to hang up and hide. After that, silence.

Man aimed to make explosives: Police

Police in Finland say they have arrested an 18-year-old man who ordered 10 kilograms of fertilizer from Poland to make explosives.

The man said he wanted to make his own fireworks, police told media.

Finnish agents grew suspicious when the man received a package of

fertilizer containing ammonium nitrate that can be used for explosives.

Police confiscated "a number of things" that were "meant to manufacture an explosive device."

Police said the case has no connection to last Friday's massacre in Norway.

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Dead girl's mom target of hacking?

Britain's phone-hacking scandal erupted again Thursday as reports said a murdered child's mother was targeted by a detective who worked for the now-defunct News of the World.

Glenn Mulcaire had the details of Sara Payne in his notes, the reports said.



► Sarah Payne

Payne is the mother of eight-year-old Sarah Payne, whose 2000 murder by a pedophile shocked Britain.

It was unclear whether Mulcaire had tried to eavesdrop on the mother's voicemail.

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China hackers hit millions: S. Korea

The personal information of about 35 million Internet users in South Korea was stolen in a hacking attack that originated in China, officials said Thursday.

Hackers purportedly attacked popular Internet and social media sites Nate and Cyworld this week, stealing data such as social security numbers and

email addresses, the Korea Communications Commission said.

South Korean police said their investigation could take several months.

South Korea has a population of about 50 million people. More than 80 per cent of households have Internet access.

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Sex worker locked up

► Woman is considered a public health risk ► Needs three more months of treatment: Health officials



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A Winnipeg woman who has worked in the sex trade has been ordered held in jail because of the threat the community faces if she doesn't complete treatment for infectious tuberculosis.

Health officials have won a rare order from the courts under the Public Health Act to keep the 30-year-old locked up in a provincial corrections facility for 90 days. The woman was diagnosed with "untreated active" TB in late December, but has breached terms of treat-

"I am concerned that without proper treatment, (she) may eventually develop drug-resistant tuberculosis that is difficult or impossible to treat."

DR. WILLIAM LIBICH, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, WINNIPEG REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.

ment agreements five times, and vanished from hospitals twice, according to court documents.

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Proud. Citizens



► Omar Hamud and his five-year-old son Saleh pose for the camera moments after becoming Canadians.

HENRY STANCU/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hallmark for father and son

Omar Hamud and his son received citizenship at the North York civic centre yesterday. "It means we have the responsibility to be good citizens and it is a good opportunity for me and my children," said Hamud.

Bringing down hate

Anti-racist activists are planning to scour a Calgary neighbourhood to remove hateful posters associated with Blood and Honour Canada.

Jason Devine of Anti-Racist Action Calgary said the posters have been

plastered around Forest Lawn with the message "Immigrants cost Canadian taxpayers \$23 billion annually."

A link on the poster

leads to Blood and Honour Canada's site, with a photo of Devine on the home page.

"It's a little disconcerting to say the least," said Devine.

Calgary Police Const. Brian Denison of the hate crimes unit said no crimes are being committed.

"It's take back your neighbourhood," he said. "If I saw this up on my lamp-post, it would be coming down."

● KATIE TURNER



► Jason Devine rips a hate-filled poster.

Car prank goes sour

B.C. police are scolding two men after a bizarre and costly stunt.

Mounties allege a 21-year-old driver and 23-year-old passenger were drinking into the early

hours of July 24 when they decided to abandon their vehicle on the train tracks in Agassiz, and watch it get hit by an oncoming train.

Police say the prank wasted valuable resources.

The driver received a 90-day suspension and further charges could be on the way. ● METRO

URGENT: Famine in the Horn of Africa



Millions face starvation. Canadian government will match your donation to help children and families.

Deadly hunger is sweeping through Somalia, where the United Nations has declared a famine. Children are dying as it spreads into Kenya and Ethiopia.

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THIRD-QUARTER EARNINGS

Starbucks surprises with strong sales

Starbucks Corp. says stronger sales helped drive its third-quarter net income up 34 per cent to beat expectations.

The coffee giant said Thursday after the markets closed that it drew more customers around the globe and those cus-

tomers spent more, despite the continued difficult economy.

Starbucks, based in Seattle, said it earned \$279.1 million, or 36 cents per share, for the quarter that ended July 3. That's up from \$207.9 million, or 27 cents per share, earned in the same quarter last year.

Revenue rose 12 per cent to \$2.93 billion. Analysts on average were expecting earnings of 34 cents per share on revenue of \$2.83 billion, according to FactSet.

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U.S. House in showdown vote on debt

An intense endgame at hand, House Republicans waged an overtime struggle Thursday night to round up enough of their recalcitrant rank and file to pass emergency legislation to prevent a looming government default. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Be prepared mentally: Immigrants

Immigrants say the best advice for newcomers to Canada is to be mentally prepared for any sacrifices or tradeoffs that might have to be made, suggests an RBC poll on immigrants offering tips on their new lives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

French diaper workers raise stink over job cuts

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► Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, the pregnant wife of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, is seen during the G8 summit in Deauville, France, in May.

► Employees at French diaper factory send 187 nappies to Carla Bruni-Sarkozy in bid to save jobs

Workers at a diaper factory in France are raising a stink about management's plans to close the plant — in the process, sending a creative plea for help to France's pregnant first lady.

Employees at the Ontex factory in Villefranche-sur-Saone have sent 187 diapers to Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, the wife of French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

That's one diaper for each employee in the plant, and a none-too-subtle message that while the diapers might be disposable, their jobs aren't.

Union leader Bernard Leblond said workers had "stuck a bright yellow sticker" saying "made in France by the 187 workers of Ontex" on the box containing the diapers and sent it to

"(Workers) stuck a bright yellow sticker on the box (that said) 'made in France by the 187 workers of Ontex' (and we sent it to Fort Bregancon.)"

BERNARD LEBLOND,
UNION LEADER

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The Ontex factory in Villefranche-sur-Saone, France, made 690 million diapers last year.

They are sold under store brands by France's main hypermarket chains.

A spokesman for the plant's Belgian parent company said the decision to close the plant was announced in May, and negotiations with the employees were ongoing.

It was not immediately known



Fort Bregancon" — the mansion where supermodel-turned-singer Bruni-Sarkozy is spending her summer vacation.

The plant made 690 million diapers last year.

whether Bruni-Sarkozy had received the package.

Bruni-Sarkozy's baby is due before presidential elections next year. It is her first child with Sarkozy.

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It's hard to believe all this happened in just one week. Whatever happened to the "silly season"?

1 Tragedy in Norway. A lunatic murders dozens of innocent young people to make some kind of stupid point. What could be more horrifying and pointless? Lesson No. 1: Disarm all the Nazis. Carefully.

2 The 27 Club. A different kind of tragedy as Amy Winehouse joins a self-destructive fraternity of young people who make beautiful music but can't face the music. Good news/bad news: She left behind a partially completed album, so she'll haunt the Billboard 100 for some time to come.

3 Jack Layton. Let's hope Canada's favourite champagne socialist gets an opportunity to raise a glass in celebration at least one more time.

4 The God particle. God may or may not exist, but there is new evidence that the God Particle does. Deep in the bowels of the CERN atom smasher in Switzerland, the enigmatic Higgs Boson, which theoretically imparts mass to all other elemental particles, leaves tantalizing tracks in the virtual sand. Go ahead Neo, take the red pill.

5 Peace-making Pakistani. Remember this name: Hini Rabbani Khar, the best-looking foreign minister on the planet, and the youngest. At 34, Pakistan's foreign minister has just finished a visit to arch-enemy India, where she charmed the dickens out of her Indian counterpart, S.M. Kirshna, 79. The two nations promise "a new era" of co-operation. She's not just another pretty face.

6 Speaking of pretty Faces. Hugh Hefner's 25-year-old ex-fiancée Crystal Harris tells Howard Stern she only had sex once with the octogenarian Big Bunny and it only lasted "like two seconds." I bet it was the best two seconds of Hef's long, long life.

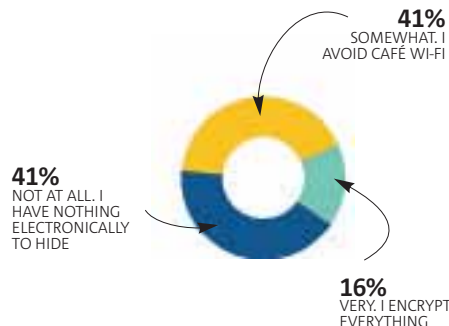
7 The famine in Somalia. Let me get this straight. There are two million people in Somalia on the brink of starvation, and the faction in charge of the blighted area, al-Shabab, believes it will be better for the people to starve to death than accept aid from western infidel dogs. Just for a second there, thanks to Hini Rabbani Khar, the world was starting to make sense. Now, thanks to al-Shabab, it's back to normal.

8 The cod's back, 'by. Break out the Screech because there's cause for joy on the Grand Banks, as for the first time since the fishery shut down in 2003, the cod are starting to come back — one third of their levels from the '70s and '80s, and growing. Not yet time to rebuild the boat, 'by, but close.



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Worth Mentioning

GLOBAL WARMING. A wildlife biologist whose observation that polar bears likely drowned in the Arctic helped galvanize the global warming movement seven years ago was placed on administrative leave as officials investigate scientific misconduct allegations.

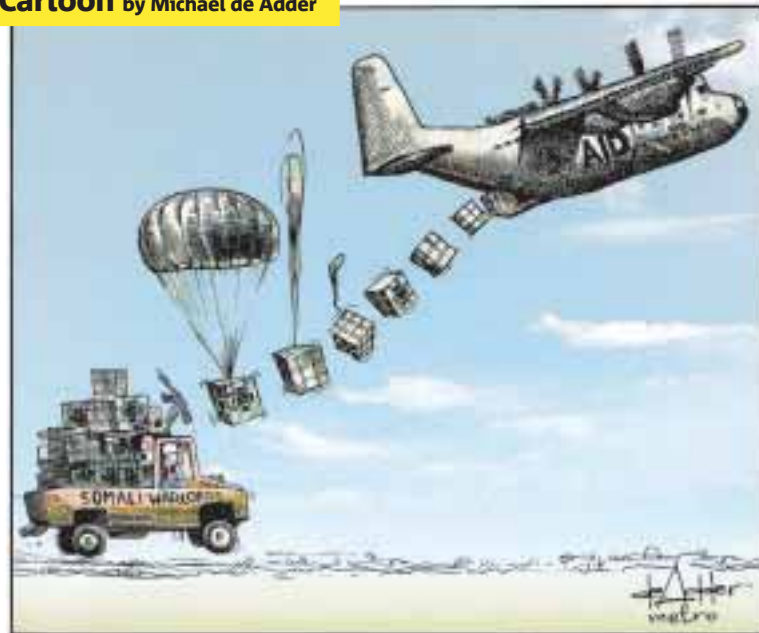
Although it wasn't clear what the exact allegations are, a government watchdog group representing Anchorage-based scientist Charles Monnett said investigators have focused on his 2006 journal article about the bears that garnered worldwide attention.

Whatever the outcome or the nature of the allegations, the investigation will likely fuel the ongoing fight between climate change activists and those who are skeptical of scientists' findings about global warming. The probe also focuses attention on an Obama administration policy intended to protect scientists from political interference.

In May 2008, the polar bear was classified as a threatened species, the first with its survival at risk due to global warming.

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WEIRD NEWS

Fugitive who said 'catch me if you can' caught

A fugitive who taunted police on his Facebook page to 'catch me if you can. I'm in Brooklyn' has been arrested.

The Daily News says U.S. marshals and NYPD detectives tracked Victor Burgos down to an apartment in Brooklyn's Bedford-



Stuyvesant neighbourhood Monday night, sitting at a computer with his Facebook page open.

The 29-year-old suspect was wanted by police in Utica, N.Y., on multiple arrest warrants for domestic violence and harassment of his former girlfriend.

FACEBOOK

He allegedly issued the Facebook challenge after his mug shot appeared on the Utica Police Department's 10 most wanted list.

Utica Sgt. Steve Hauck tells the News: "He told us via Facebook to come and get him and we did."

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Plot synopsis

When nearly divorced Cal Weaver (Steve Carell) begins hanging around a trendy LA bar he meets Jacob (Ryan Gosling), a handsome slick talker who offers to tutor him in the art of being single. Interwoven are two other love stories — the trials of Cal's son (Jonah Bobo) who thinks his babysitter (Analeigh Tipton) is his soul mate and Hannah's (Emma Stone) search for the right guy.

Ratings:
Richard: ●●●●●
Mark: ●●●●●



▶ Ryan Gosling, left, and Steve Carell star in Crazy, Stupid Love.

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Gosling gets funny

▶ Canadian actor, best known for turns in darker roles, shines in Crazy, Stupid Love ▶ Breezy rom com has substance beneath the sweetness

Richard: As good as Steve Carell is here I have a feeling the person everyone will be talking about on the way out of the theatre is Ryan Gosling. He reveals a gift for comedy, a magnificent abdominal area and the ability to take a stereotype and turn it into a living, breathing character. Agree or no?

MB: Yes, this is a great leap forward for an actor who has played a variety of depressives, mumbler, and addicts. He looks great in a sharp cut jacket and crackles with charisma. Of course, he's got the fun role, but still, he adds something extra to the stock character of the lothario with a wounded

heart. And by the way the female members of the audience swooned when he took off his shirt. Gosling has matured into one fine Canada Goose.

RC: It's true. Young Hercules seems like a long time ago now. If Gosling can erase his slightly embarrassing TV past away, then I think this is the movie that will go a long way to erase the image of Steve Carell as that guy from The Office. He was masterful on that show and has been good in other movies — particularly as the depressed Uncle Frank in Little Miss Sunshine — but here he absolutely nails the mix of comedy and pathos needed to make

Crazy, Stupid, Love so memorable.

MB: Right, but I couldn't help notice your lack of praise for his recent film work, which I find tepid and tweezy. Here Carell can get his chops into a script that goes beyond his usual hangdog schlemiels and grow a pair. And it's a joy to watch. But Richard, let's not leave out the perfectly cast supporting roles. I loved both the babysitter and Carell's 13-year-old son. Any other standouts for you? Or can we give the directing team their kudos? I've rarely seen better direction in a rom com.

RC: I agree all round. It's a cut above the usual rom

com, reminding me more of the Neil Simon relationship movies of the '70s that were family dramas disguised as sex comedies. As for the supporting cast, I have to say I called it for Emma Stone when I first saw her in Superbad.

MB: By the way, I wasn't sure about the movie at first. The plot seemed to be too close to something Dane Cook might have done in his brief heyday, but then it ripened into a full-fledged, perfect farce with all the plot strands coming together. The ending's a bit sentimental, and I've always hated when characters express their feelings in a Big Speech, but these are tiny quibbles.

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Scene in brief



Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek says he snapped his Achilles tendon while running after a burglar who had stolen cash, a bracelet and other items from his San Francisco hotel room. San Francisco police say Lucinda Moyers was arrested on suspicion of felony, burglary and receiving stolen property.

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Nicolas Cage to star in Frozen Ground, a film about Alaska serial killer Robert Hansen

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Movie reviews

**Cowboys and Aliens****Genre:** Action, Sci-Fi**Director:** Jon Favreau**Stars:** Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford and Olivia Wilde

What's really stupefying about Jon Favreau's genre mash-up *Cowboys and Aliens* is that none of its five credited screenwriters notices how clunky, artless and just plain awful most of the dialogue sounds.

The cowboys spend so much of the film sitting around talking and whining that you find yourself rooting for the

aliens — and wishing they'd show up sooner.

The real shame, though, is the wasted pedigree at every level, from a skilled genre director (Favreau) to blockbuster godfathers as producers (Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard) to a dream cast (Harrison Ford, Daniel Craig, Olivia Wilde and Sam Rockwell).

That so many great elements can add up to so little makes you wonder where it all went so terribly, terribly wrong.

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The Smurfs**Genre:** Animation, comedy**Director:** Raja Gosnell**Stars:** Neal Patrick Harris

It becomes clear about midway through the climactic battle scene in *The Smurfs* that the adorable blue characters are pretty much just using their namesake favourite word in place of cursing.

And thinking too much about the implications of the plot will only lead to migraines. Neal Patrick Harris and *Glee* scene-stealer Jayma Mays do their best, but the stunt-



casting of the blue heroes (with George Lopez and Katy Perry in major

roles) grates.

Spoiler alert: The obvious and awful joke — "I smurfed a girl and I liked it" appears — and doesn't even make sense, since there's only one girl Smurf. Despite being beloved kids' entertainment, the film is targeted at the 25 to 40 crowd. Whose smurfing idea was that? ● NED EHRBAR

Emphasis on the R-rating

► Body-switching movies have been done before ► But *Change-Up* stars Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman say where their film differs is the rating



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MWN IN HOLLYWOOD

Playing best friends who magically switch bodies in *The Change-Up*, real-life friends Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman have had plenty of time to think about what they'd do if they found themselves in that situation in real life.

"I'd do terrible things to his body," Reynolds admits.

Bateman, not batting an eye, finishes the thought for him: "And to my wife. He's been after my wife for years," to which Reynolds nods solemnly, adding, "Years, years. And she will be mine."

Kidding — we hope — aside, the two friends were excited enough about the idea to work off of each other's quirks.

In the film, Bateman's straight-laced family man finds himself navigating the world of a layabout bachelor, while Reynolds' barely employed actor takes on a wife and kids and a rough week at work as a lawyer.

But while they may seem perfect for their roles — Bateman as the straight-laced family man and Reynolds as the pot-smoking ladies man — the guys insist they didn't really mind who played which role. In fact, Reynolds doesn't think he's any more like one character than the other.



► Jason Bateman, left, and Ryan Reynolds switch bodies in *The Change-Up*.

"When you buy a ticket to an R-rated film, you want R-rated comedy."

JASON BATEMAN

"I've got to say I'm somewhere in the middle," he says.

"There was a time in my life when I'd wake up mornings in a shallow pool of my own fluid, but those days are over. I eat breakfast now, not ketchup. It's different now."

Bateman, though, definitely related to the husband and father he plays on screen, even if he was concerned it might not fit with the kind of raunchy comedy they were going for.

"You look at the domes-

tic part of this film and you think is that going to soften the R-rating?" he admits.

"Because when you buy a ticket to an R-rated film, you want R-rated comedy."

The Change-Up is most definitely an R-rated comedy, and the two actors are more than proud of it.

"You want to go in there, have a good time, laugh your ass off, maybe get offended a couple of times and get the hell out. We're not trying to win Oscars here or teach anybody any lessons," Bateman says.

"There's no reason to do another body-switching movie unless you're going to do something different. And we do here. This is an R-rated body-switching movie, that hasn't been done before."

Reynolds is right there with him, as he says he definitely prefers R-rated material.

"Every PG-13 comedy I've ever done, you always have that inevitable moment halfway through shooting when you call the studio head and go, 'Are you sure we can't go R with this? Because we just shot something terrible,'" he says.

"But there are sometimes when you're in a PG-13 movie when it doesn't need to be rated R. It's very easy to fall back on the idea that you can swear your way out of a scene. But it's nice when you can let it all hang out in a movie like this and not worry too much about pushing it too far."

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Bridesmaids (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10
Cowboys & Aliens (STC) Fri-Sun 11 Mon-Thu 9:15

Fast Five (PG) Sun 3:10
Friends With Benefits (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05 Mon-Thu 11:20
Horrible Bosses (14A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Thu 11:15

Priest (14A) Sun 2:55
The Smurfs (G) Fri-Thu 9:20
Zookeeper (G) Fri-Sun 11:10

Hyland Cinema
240 Wharnccliffe Road
South, 519-913-0313

Midnight in Paris (PG) Fri 1-5 Sat 3-7 Sun 2:30-9 Mon 1-5 Tue 2:30-7 Wed 1-4:50 Thu 3-7:20

The Tree of Life (PG) Fri-Sat 9 Mon 9 Tue 4:30-9 Wed 6:40 Thu 4:50
The Trip (STC) Fri 3-7 Sat 1-5 Sun 12:30-4:30 Mon 3-7 Tue 12:30 Wed 2:50-9:10 Thu 1-9:10

Rainbow Cinemas London
355 Wellington St., 519-434-3073

Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-7:10-9:50
Cowboys & Aliens (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:40-7:30

Crazy, Stupid, Love. (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:50-9:25
Friends With Benefits (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-7:15-9:45

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-5:07-05-9:45

Horrible Bosses (14A) Fri-Thu 7:25-9:30
The Smurfs (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:25-7:20-9:35
Zookeeper (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:35

Western Film
Room 340, UCC Building,
Larry Crowne (PG) Fri-Thu 7

Wellington 8 Cinemas
983 Wellington Rd. S, 519-685-2529

Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:40

Cowboys & Aliens (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:9:45

Crazy, Stupid, Love. (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10

Friends With Benefits (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-9:55

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:35

Horrible Bosses (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:50

The Smurfs (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:50-9:30

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Crazy, Stupid, Love. (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10

First Night of the Proms Encore Performance - BBC Proms 2011 (STC) Sat 2:30

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Horrible Bosses (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:25

Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25-6:50-10:10

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Bridesmaids (14A) Fri 9 Sat 9:55 Sun-Thu 9

Captain America: The First Avenger

(PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:40

Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:05-10

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10-10

Horrible Bosses (14A) Fri-Tue 2-5-7-35-10:25 Wed 1-3-45-6:45-10:25 Thu 2-5-7-35-10:25

The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore (STC) Wed 6:30

The Smurfs 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:20-9:45 No Passes Mon 12:30-3:35-6:30-9:20 No Passes Tue-Wed 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:20-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:35-6:30-9:20

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Winnie the Pooh (G) Fri-Thu 12-2
Zookeeper (G) Fri 12:45-4:05-6:35 Sat 7:20 Sun-Thu 12:45-4:05-6:35

Sagely approach

► Aussie singer talks about how a death inspired her song Breathe Me



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It seems that we are born and then spend the rest of our lives finding out who we are. At least Sia, the über-bubbly Australian pop singer-songwriter, would agree with that statement.

"I know, isn't it crazy," the 35-year-old rhetorically gushes.

Sia's latest album, *We Are Born*, discusses this mortal coil in passionate funk, soul and ballads. Not that she presumes to offer easy explanations, but her lyrics seem to possess a certain sagely grasp of life beyond the commercial schlep.

"We're all created by our environment when we're growing up," she says. "I don't think I was born this way, I think I was created. I've been tap dancing all my life." She pauses for a long moment.

Does she mean literally or metaphorically?

"Literally, jazz tap dancing. Metaphorically, too, I guess. I'm a terrible real tap dancer, but I'm a fan-

"I'd be in a very different place had they not put that song in there. I'd probably be a reiki master or a dog masseuse"

SIA



► Sia performs on stage during the Big Day Out Festival at the Sydney.

tastic metaphorical tap dancer."

Sia was tapping along quite nicely at the beginning of this millennium, living in London with the usual ups and downs. Then

her boyfriend's death shook her so hard that she wrote the beautiful, heart-stopping *Breathe Me*, which, when paired with the finale of HBO's series *Six Feet Under*, blew up

her career.

"I'd be in a very different place had they not put that song in there. I'd probably be a reiki master or a dog masseuse," she sighs. "A beast was born."

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Bringing the house down

► Adele, Chris Brown and Lil Wayne announced as the first performers at this year's MTV Video Music Awards

Chris Brown and Lil Wayne are returning to the MTV Video Music Awards stage, while Adele will make her first appearance.

The trio are the first performers announced for the Aug. 28 ceremony in Los Angeles, at the Nokia Theatre. The announcement was made Thursday.

Brown's star, once tarnished because of his attack on Rihanna, is shining bright this year, and MTV has taken note.

"He is having a moment with multiple hits this year, and he always delivers on the VMA stage," said Amy Doyle, executive vice-president of music and talent at MTV, on Wednesday.

She called his 2007 performance at the VMAs one of the most memorable.

"He will give an energetic, bombastic, jaw-dropping performance."

Adele, who is nominated for seven VMAs, is also scheduled to perform. Only Katy Perry has more VMA nods with nine; Adele is tied with Kanye West with her seven.

Doyle predicted Adele would "bring chills down everybody's spine, if not bring them to tears, too."

Adele has the year's bestselling album with 21, but Doyle notes that her live act hasn't been seen much: Adele was forced to reschedule some concerts earlier this year because of a throat problem.

Lil Wayne's appearance will come a day before the

scheduled release of his much-anticipated new album, *Tha Carter IV*. Like Brown, he has also performed before on the VMAs.

"Being a nominee and performer on the VMAs once again is an honour because everyone doesn't get that opportunity," he said in statement. "Look-

ing forward to performing on the show, and having *Tha Carter IV* drop the same week!"

Doyle said this year's show has a dynamic set

that will "allow for a lot of bells and whistles," and promises that each performance will be unique.

So far, no host has been announced for the typical-

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► Adele

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"(Adele's performance will) bring chills down everybody's spine, if not bring them to tears, too."

AMY DOYLE, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF MUSIC AND TALENT AT MTV

ly irreverent show.

Doyle said a tribute to Amy Winehouse, who died Saturday, is a possibility.

"We don't know yet, but certainly she is top of mind, in our thoughts and in our hearts," she said.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT HIT SUMMER SONG?

SOUND CHECK



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It used to be every summer had its song.

No matter where you went, you heard That Song. It spilled from cars, slipped out from underneath ear buds, blared in clubs and floated through stores. And you could never, ever turn on a radio without hearing it.

Last year's song of the summer was California Gurls by Katy Perry. Remember 2009 when Use Somebody from Kings of Leon was played every-where? I fully intended to

write about candidates for the summer song of 2011, but then I ran into a wall. What, pray tell, determines a "hit song" these days?

In the old days, a hit song was the one you heard on the radio the most. Its radio hit-ness factor was determined by (a) how many copies the single sold; and (b) how many radio stations were playing it. At some point over the summer, one song would be played so much that it

became indelibly associated with your memories of that year.

If we're to use that standard for the summer of 2011, the current leader is Adele's Rolling in the Deep. No song is being played more often on more radio stations in North America right now.

Today, though, hit songs are determined by more than those two parameters. This is because an increasing number of people now

get their music from places other than the radio.

A service called The Ultimate Chart (which monitors everything from plays on YouTube to tweets on Twitter) ranks LMFAO's Party Rock Anthem as the most popular song of the summer of 2011. At number two, it's Skyscraper by Demi Lovato, a song that has had barely any radio airplay at all so far. She's a total online phenom right now. Adele is way down at

number eight.

And let's not forget Rebecca Black's Friday. As awful as the song is, the video has been viewed 170 million times on YouTube and parodied millions of times more, all without ever troubling even the lowest regions of the Top 40 radio charts. That's a hit, right?

So what will be the summer hit of 2011? I guess it all depend on where you get your music.

Cowabunga, dude! Simpsons creeps up on 500 shows

- ▶ America's most dysfunctional family has been entertaining us since 1989
- ▶ Series executive producer Al Jean tells us what's next for Homer and co.



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Sick of The Simpsons? Impossible, we say!

The series is set to hit 500 episodes on Feb. 19, 2012, after all.

But according to series executive producer Al Jean, not everyone is feeling the love.

"There's a big town meeting that the Simpsons don't know about, and when they go in, the town is saying, 'We're going to get rid of the Simpsons,'" Jean said Tuesday, explaining the milestone episode's plot to TV critics touring the show's animation studio, Film Roman, in Burbank, Calif.

"They're sick of them."

Highlights

For fans still on Team Simpson, Jean spilled other highlights of Season 23, premiering Sept. 25.

- The Treehouse of Horrors episode will actually air around Halloween this year: Oct. 30.

- Another holiday-themed



▶ The Simpsons: from left, Lisa, Marge, Maggie, Homer and Bart Simpson.

half-hour — a Christmas episode — takes place 30 years in the future.

"Bart is this lousy, dead-beat dad who actually lives in the school, which is now condos, and Skinner is his landlord," Jean says.

In another episode, Homer becomes a Glenn Beck-like pundit.

He leads the Gravy Boat movement and selects Ted

Nugent as his ideal presidential candidate. The Nuge guest stars — and sings!

- Pop-culture spoofs and homages abound.

In a parody of Inception, Jean says: "One dream level was (drawn in) the Tracey Ullman Show style" — like the animated series' early days.

- Another reference of note: *Lost*.

"We have a show coming up where Homer gets addicted to a show that's basically *Lost*," Jean says.

"It ended five years ago, but he's like, 'Don't tell me how it ends!' We're doing it post-*Lost*, and five years from now it will still be post-*Lost*, so it should hold up."

TV picks

The boys tell their side



BACHELORETTE REHASH. If you've been watching *The Bachelorette* you'll

want to catch the wrap-up *Men Tell All* episode on Citytv on Sunday.

It's followed by *The Marriage Ref*, which this week features chef Rachael Ray and comedic actors Larry Miller and J.B. Smoove weighing in on marital feuds. (City)

Jersey what?

RANDY BRITS. The *Jersey Shore* concept has officially been spun off and the Brits are first to reinterpret the trashy re-

ality show.

Airing Friday, *Geordie Shore* is set in Newcastle Upon Tyne and follows the antics of four randy girls and four guys. MTV Canada has back-to-back-to-back episodes tonight.

A look at white collar crime

SAVVY CHEATERS. An episode of *The Fifth Estate* airing Saturday called *Getting Off Easy* chronicles the stories of

white collar criminals who got away with their crimes with just a slap on the wrist. (CBC News Network)

Skeletons out of the closet

KIDNAPPING. Friday's new *Flashpoint* episode follows an investigation into a woman's kidnapping, which reveals a dark family secret. (CTV)

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Boo-urns

▶ TV stations around the world recently had a meltdown over *The Simpsons*. As leaks at Japan's tsunami-

hit Fukushima plant made headlines, TV stations in several European countries banned or censored show episodes that poked fun at nuclear radiation.



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I kissed a 'beautiful' girl: Denise Richards

► Celeb dishes to Howard Stern on hooking up with famous female

Denise Richards has teased that she had a lesbian affair with a fellow celebrity, though she draws the line at naming names.

"I just met her through friends and work and stuff," Richards tells

Howard Stern during an interview while promoting her new memoir.

"I was just curious. We were curious. She was a girly-girl. She's beautiful. You would know who she is."

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Tattoo tales

Kat Von D keeps Jesse

ON HER SKIN, ANYWAY. Despite calling off her engagement to Jesse James — allegedly because of another woman — Kate Von D says she has no plans to remove a tattoo portrait she got recently of her ex-fiancé, according to TMZ. ● METRO

Tim Gunn has a go at Hillary

'CONFUSED ABOUT HER GENDER'. Tim Gunn doesn't mince words when it comes to the fashion sense of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"I think she's confused about her gender [with] all these big, baggy menswear tailored pantsuits," said the Project Runway Mentor to George Lopez.

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Celebrity tweets



"I'm sure with this heat Al Gore's walking around with a smug smile."

@DonRickles



"The pat down at the airport is necessary, but asking me where I buy my underwear is pushing it"

@JohnCleese



"You little darlings, all worrying about me, and why I've been so quiet... Have had a holiday! Will resume normal service soon..."

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► Amy Winehouse

Sobering up killed Amy says dad

Amy Winehouse's family are now suggesting that the troubled singer's death was actually caused by trying to get sober after years of heavy drinking, according to the Sun.

Her father, Mitch Winehouse, reportedly says it was the shock to her system of going cold turkey that did her in.

"He said doctors had told Amy to gradually re-

duce her intake of alcohol and to avoid bingeing at all costs. Amy told him she couldn't do that. It was all or nothing and she gave up completely," a source says. ● METRO

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A toast to Bloody Mary

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Paris is a drinkers' Disneyland with a cool bar, café or brasserie on almost every corner.

I spent time there recently and worked my way to rue Daunou, to pay respects to Harry's New York Bar: A liquid landmark since 1911.

Some visit because Ernest Hemingway hung out there. I made the pilgrimage to taste its Bloody Mary.

If the history of that classic cocktail has one consistency it's that it was invented at Harry's in the early 1930s. Some say it was named after a girl the original bartender knew from a joint called the Bucket of Blood Club in Chicago. Others say England's Queen Mary I was the inspiration.

You can find dozens of Bloody Mary recipes online that suggest any number of different vodkas to use as a base.

While Harry's chooses a Polish version; I like keeping things Canadian and mix mine with Iceberg Vodka (750 ml, \$23.59 - \$26.98) — a super smooth, full-flavoured spirit made with melted iceberg chunks harvested off the coast of Newfoundland. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Sweet summer sodas

► Think pop can only be purchased? ► Homemade Soda by Andrew Schloss boasts recipes for floats, fizzy juices, sparkling teas & much more

These over-the-top sophisticated sundaes may look fancy but are easy to make. You start by making walnut praline. The praline is broken into pieces and scattered over scoops of ice cream glazed with root beer syrup. The sundae is crowned with a peak of whipped cream and candied orange peel.

Root Beet Praline Sundaes

Preparation:

1 Preheat oven to 400°F. Then scatter walnuts in single layer on sheet pan and toast in oven for 10 minutes, until aromatic and lightly browned.

2 Heat sugar in nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally with wooden spoon, until sugar begins to melt and lump. Add 2 tablespoons of root beer syrup. Mix will start to foam. Stir constantly;

sugar will become thinner and lumps will melt. When almost all lumps are gone, remove from heat and stir in butter and baking soda. Liquid will become foamy. Stir until foam is no longer streaky, about 10 seconds. Mix in toasted walnuts and pour mix back onto sheet pan, scraping as much of the melted sugar possible with stirring spoon. Allow to set until firm. Torque pan and sheet of

caramelized nuts will pop off. Chop into small pieces.

3 To make sundaes, put scoop of ice cream in 4 dessert dishes. Drizzle remaining root beer syrup over top, and top

with a generous sprinkle of caramelized walnuts. Top each with a dollop of whipped cream and a spoonful of candied orange peel. Serve.

ADAPTED FROM HOMEMADE SODA BY ANDREW SCHLOSS (2011, STOREY PUBLISHING)

Ingredients:

- ½ cup walnuts
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup root beer syrup
- 1 tablespoon butter

- Pinch of baking soda
- 1 quart vanilla or coffee ice cream
- ½ cup whipped cream
- ¼ cup candied orange peel



► These Root Beer Praline Sundaes are sure to impress your guests.

► This Sparkling Orange Creamsicle is a rich and filling soda ideal for a snack or dessert



► This recipe makes four servings.

The Creamsicle has been an inspiration for countless beverages, alcoholic and otherwise, so I guess I might as well follow the trend and get in line.

My version is a little bit nutritious (half the dairy is yogurt), a little bit rich (the other half is ice cream), very flavourful (equal parts orange and vanilla), and ultimately refreshing (carbonation titillates every time).

This is one of the most filling sodas in the book, and it's best served as a snack or a dessert.

Preparation:

1 Combine the orange juice, yogurt, and ice cream in a blender or a food processor, and purée it. This Vanilla Orange Purée will keep in the refrigerator for up to 2 days, but it is best if

used immediately.

2 To mix with seltzer: Pour ¾ cup of purée into a tall glass. Add the seltzer, stir just until blended, and serve.

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Ingredients:

Vanilla Orange Purée

- 1 cup cold orange juice
- 1 cup cold vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup vanilla ice cream

To mix with seltzer

- ¾ cup vanilla orange purée
- ¾ cup chilled seltzer

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You don't have just the summer to enjoy the goodness of cherries. Simple preservation will have you enjoying cherries all year long.

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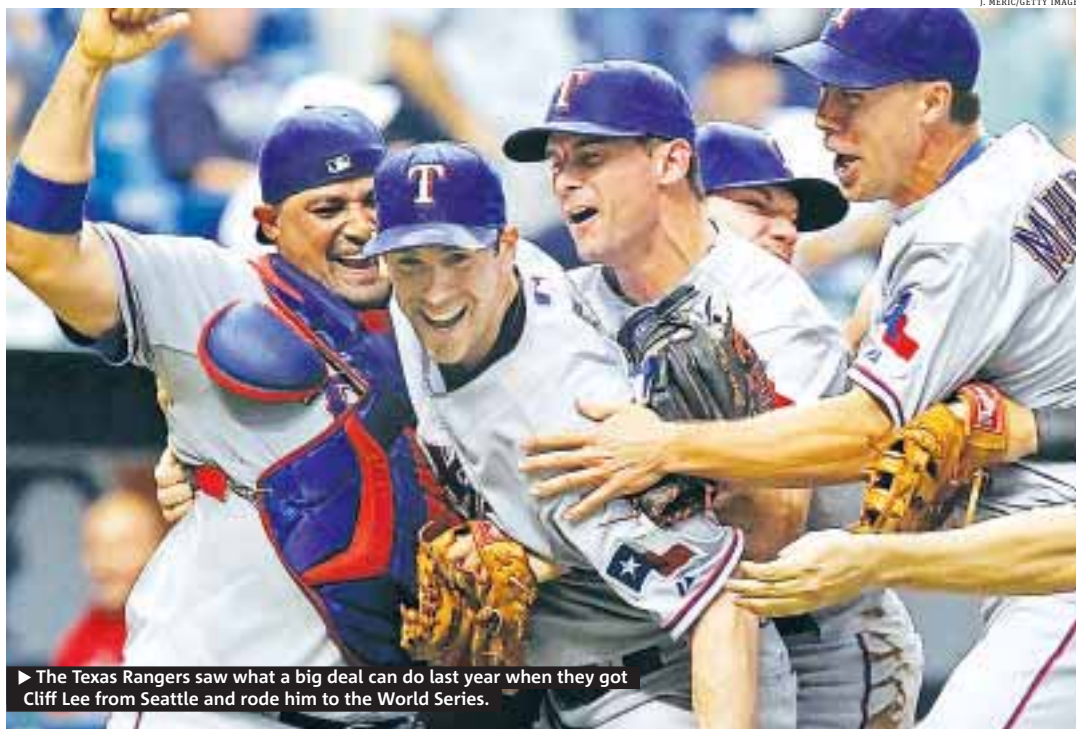
CARLOS BELTRAN, ON BEING
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All in or fold? MLB teams must decide

► Trade deadline weekend should reveal which teams are serious about making a run at the 2011 World Series, and which have written off season



► The Texas Rangers saw what a big deal can do last year when they got Cliff Lee from Seattle and rode him to the World Series.

The Major League Baseball trade deadline is fast approaching, and plenty of big names have already moved.

Carlos Beltran is headed to San Francisco, bolstering the reigning world champions for another run at the title and Colby Rasmus is out of Tony La Russa's doghouse in St. Louis and batting in the Rogers Centre.

With the deadline looming Sunday, there are still a lot of big decisions to be made and big stars who could be getting changes of scenery.

The New York Yankees are in second place in the AL East, three games behind Boston, which almost assuredly means they will be active. The Yankees could be in the market for a quality starter with Phil Hughes struggling and a left-handed reliever.

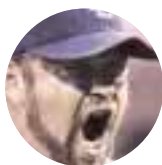
"If we make moves, we feel that it's to better the club," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "Will we tweak it? I don't know.

Market watch



Ubaldo Jimenez
RHP, COLORADO

27-year-old is having an off year, but his strikeout ability is overpowering. Good fits? Yankees, Reds



Heath Bell
RHP, SAN DIEGO

All-star is maybe the most proven closer available. Good fits? Rangers, Angels, Cardinals.



Hunter Pence
RF, HOUSTON

Hitting .307 with 11 HRs, 62 RBIs and 24 2Bs, for the lowly Astros. Good fits? Braves, Phillies.



B.J. Upton
CF, TAMPA BAY

2002's second overall pick has 15 HRs and 53 RBIs, with AVG of .227. Good fits? Nationals, Tigers.

Four impact players rumoured to be available going into Sunday's non-waiver deadline.

Past history has shown the Yankees have done everything they can to tweak the club to make it better."

Other teams in baseball's upper echelon like the Red Sox and Phillies will likely be active in the trade market.

Several other teams in limbo. The Minnesota Twins are six games behind the Detroit Tigers in the AL Central. They have

a history of late-season surges, but must make a decision soon if they are going to be buyers or sellers.

The Cleveland Indians are in a similar boat. The Indians trail the Tigers by just two games. They traded for outfielder help Thursday. With outfielders Grady Sizemore and Shin-Soo Choo on the disabled list the Indians added Cubs

outfielder Kosuke Fukudome for a pair of minor league players.

And what about the Cincinnati Reds? They're five games behind the Cardinals in the NL Central — and St. Louis just picked up right-hander Edwin Jackson, too — but some help in the rotation or the outfield could put them right back in the picture.

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More big names find new NFL homes

There goes Albert Haynesworth, heading from Mike Shanahan's Redskins to Bill Belichick's Patriots — where he'll be joined by New England's other big pickup Thursday: Chad Ochocinco.

Reggie Bush? The Saints sent him to the Dolphins. And the Kevin Kolb saga ended the way pretty much everyone expected, with a trade from the Eagles to the Cardinals.

NFL clubs made a move a minute Thursday — and those big-name deals were only the beginning.

Day 3 of the compressed, post-lockout off-season also included more contract agreements and plenty of cuts, which teams were finally allowed to start announcing at 4:01 p.m. ET. Among the players getting released were Vince Young by the Titans, Nate Clements by the 49ers, and Jake Delhomme by the Browns.

In the first dramatic example of how the new labour deal's rookie salary system will affect elite players, No. 2 overall draft pick Von Miller got \$21 million US guaranteed over four years from the Denver Broncos. The No. 2 pick in 2010, Detroit Lions defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh, signed a five-year deal worth \$40 million guaranteed and as much as \$68 million overall.

Broncos football chief John Elway tweeted, "We have agreed to terms with our 1st round pick, LB Von Miller. Can't wait to get him on the field."

The man widely regarded as the best available player in free agency, Nnamdi Asomugha, didn't pick a team yet. But another top cornerback, Johnathan Joseph, agreed to terms with the Houston Texans, according to a person with knowledge of the deal, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the signing hadn't been announced.

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Sad end for trailblazing Japanese pitcher Irabu

Former Montreal Expos pitcher Hideki Irabu was found dead, an apparent suicide in the wealthy suburb of Rancho Palos Verdes.

The 42-year-old Irabu was found at 4:25 p.m. PDT Wednesday, county sheriff's Sgt. Michael Arriaga said.

"He was found dead by an apparent suicide," Arriaga said Thursday.

Los Angeles County coroner's official Ed Winter said his office was not releasing any circumstances of the death other than it was being investigated as a suicide. The autopsy will be performed Friday or Saturday.

Neighbours described Irabu as a quiet, unassuming man who had apparently grown despondent recently because of a split with his wife.

Irabu was billed as the Japanese version of Nolan Ryan when he arrived in the United States in 1997. But after an impressive major league debut with the Yankees that summer, he never came close to fulfilling such lofty expectations.

Rather, he always wore the label that late Yankees owner George Steinbrenner stuck on him after Irabu failed to cover first base during an exhibition game: "Fat ... toad."

"He was a world-class pitcher. When Nolan Ryan saw him, he said he had never seen anything like it," said former major league manager Bobby Valentine who managed Irabu in Japan. "There were just some days when he was as good a pitcher as I had ever seen. A fabulous arm."

Irabu finished 34-35 with a 5.15 earned-run average in three seasons with the Yankees, two years in Montreal and a final season in the Texas bullpen in 2002.

Still, Irabu left a lasting legacy. Several big stars, from Ichiro Suzuki to Hideki Matsui, followed Hideki Nomo and Irabu from Japan to the United States.

"He was one of the pioneers," Valentine said. "There was a lot riding on his shoulders."

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Five minutes for high shticking

► Former NHLers take fans behind the on-ice scenes in Just For Laughs show in Montreal



"It's the stuff that Slap Shot is made of."

KERRY FRASER

Former NHL referee Kerry Fraser says some people probably won't think it's much of a stretch for him to appear at a comedy festival.

"There's a lot of people who thought whenever I worked I was a joke," he quipped in a telephone interview as he got ready to appear in the Bumps, Bruises and Bedtime Stories show at Just For Laughs on Friday.

Fraser won't be doing standup in the show in the hockey-mad city where any reference to punchlines and hockey usually refers to the nickname of a famous Montreal Canadiens line of the 1940s.

But he will team up with Jim McKenzie, a former Nashville Predators left-winger, and ex-

Philadelphia Flyer "Broad Street Bully" Dave (The Hammer) Schultz to give an insider's take on Canada's national game through humorous anecdotes and video clips.

Fraser, who joined the NHL in 1980 and called more than 1,900 regular-season games, had to deal with his share of hecklers

in his 30 years in the NHL, including the legendary Wayne Gretzky.

The ex-ref says Gretzky is one of only two players to ever "thank" him for calling a penalty — in Gretzky's case a 1981 game against the Flyers.

Gretzky's gratitude was mocking when he groused that Fraser didn't call any penalties against his opponents for various perceived infractions. Fraser told The Great One there was nobody even close to him and that he wasn't going to call a penalty.

Gretzky profanely snapped he hadn't called anything all night, prompting Fraser to hit No. 99 with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

He says Gretzky sarcastically grumbled,

"Thanks. It's about effing time you called something."

The other player was McKenzie, who wanted Fraser to penalize him at the end of his second season in the league and asked him whether he would give him a misconduct if he swore at him.

Fraser said he was incredulous because it was a nothing game and it was all but over.

"He (McKenzie) said, 'I've got a bonus in my contract for penalty minutes. I'm four penalty minutes short and the coach never played me one shift tonight.'"

Fraser and McKenzie then staged a mock angry exchange, culminating in the player swearing loudly at him as part of the charade.

McKenzie got a 10-minute misconduct penalty.

"He said, 'Thank you,' very quietly, with a big smile on his face, and he went toward the dressing room," Fraser said.

The then-referee had to bolt off the ice to grab the timekeepers to get them to record it.

Fraser says this is the type of anecdote people love to hear but can hardly believe.

Ironically, the show has lost one player because of an injury.

Former Montreal Canadiens and Boston Bruins tough guy Chris Nilan was originally on the bill but there will be no chuckles from Knuckles after he had to withdraw because of ankle surgery.

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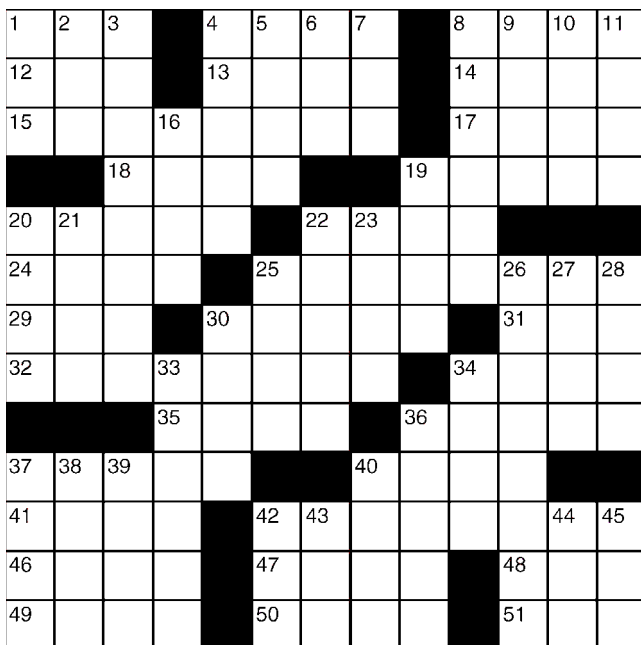
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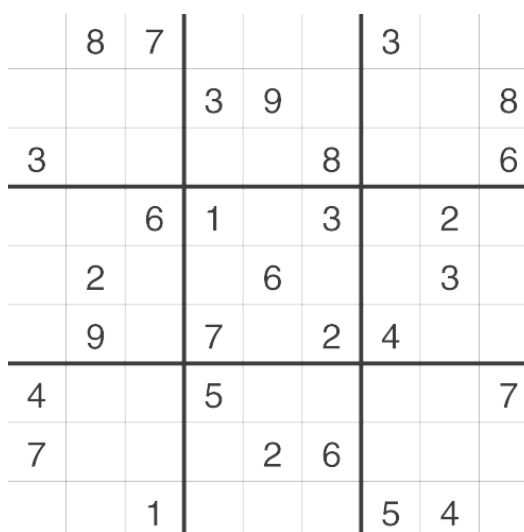
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Make a point of looking for the good things in life today, rather than the bad things. You may be surprised.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Mercury at odds with Neptune warns it might be wise to think again about a project you are planning.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may be tempted to tell someone what you really think of him or her. Hold your tongue — for now.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your popularity seems to be soaring, but don't let it go to your head.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You may want to start something new but there is no need to rush.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Think before you speak today and steer clear of controversial issues.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't worry if you can't seem to get into the swing of things socially today because you will more than make up for it over the weekend.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If someone makes a suggestion that goes against your principles, you must turn it down flat.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Someone in a position of authority will put you to the test. Show him or her you're up for the challenge.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't like the public eye? So what? It's a crime to waste your talents.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Others can test limits if they want. You must avoid going to extremes. Steer a middle course. It's safe.

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